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Sex offender found in U.S.

Manhunt brought to a standstill as authorities explore their options for extradition PAGE 2

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Lyle Stewart, a farmer and Saskatchewan's agriculture minister, stands with his combine on his acreage in Pense, west of Regina, on Thursday. He expects this to be a record year for crop yields in the province. ROSS ROMANUIK/METRO

Call it a harvest miracle

Feast from expected famine. Minister says Saskatchewan farmers have done it again

ROSS ROMANIUK
Metro in Regina

Saskatchewan's crops are worth celebrating this year, perhaps more than any other.

In all his years of farming, provincial Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart has never seen a harvest this bountiful in Saskatchewan.

"The quality of the crop coming off all over the province is very good. And the quantity is amazing," Stewart said on Thursday during a break from combining flax on his 3,000 acres in the Rural Municipality of Pense, west of Regina.

The output, he noted, had not been expected last spring when a seemingly never-ending winter threatened to bring a very poor yield.

"In fact, I expected a rather negative outcome," he said. "Seeding was three weeks … later than normal.

"We would have expected … to have frost damage and a lot of problems. But generally speaking, that's not the case."

Several factors, including good weather in August and September, appear to have turned farmer fortunes around.

Stewart mostly credits the knowledge, experience and innovation of Saskatchewan's farming community.

"Every year our producers get a little better," he explained. "Our varieties that we grow are better. They yield better. They mature quicker. The money we spend on research is not wasted.... Plus better equipment and technology and herbicides."

Our cup runneth over

"This is the best production year, I think, I've ever seen."
Provincial Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart

Stewart stresses the strong farming output is a boon to all Saskatchewan residents.

"Last year, we exported $11.2 billion worth of agriculture products. We expect this to be in excess of that," he said. "It improves everybody's standard of living."

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Missing sex offender located in U.S., Edmonton police say

Tense moments. Last week, schools in several west-central Sask. communities locked their doors and kept children inside after multiple, unconfirmed sightings reported

Edmonton police say a violent, high-risk sex offender who has been missing for more than a week has been located in the United States, but he can't be arrested because he's not wanted on any charges south of the border.

Edmonton Det. Chris Hayduk said U.S. border officials were warned that Michael Sean Stanley might try to cross into their country, but Stanley still managed to make it through at Blaine, Wash., south of Vancouver, on Monday night.

"We have no authority to go get him," Hayduk said.

"We are investigating his crossing, taking a look at the details of his crossing, into the United States ... For us, it would have been the best outcome to have caught him prior to that, so for him to be in the States is a concern that those agencies are going to follow up for sure."

The Canada Border Services Agency referred calls on the matter to U.S. officials.

The Washington-based spokesman for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security was not returning phone messages because of the federal government shutdown and an email seeking comment wasn't immediately answered.

Hayduk said the shutdown hasn't had any effect on his ability to get in touch with authorities in the U.S.

Stanley has a long history of sexual offences against women and children and has been missing since Oct. 1 when the electronic monitoring bracelet he was wearing was cut off and found in Lloydminster, on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary.

Last week, schools in several west-central Saskatchewan communities locked their doors and kept children inside after Mounties received multiple, unconfirmed sightings of the Edmonton man.

A few days later, police in Lethbridge found Stanley's SUV and started warning people to be safe and wary, though schools were not ordered locked down.

Stanley has friends and family in Lethbridge, some of whom contacted police and urged Stanley to give himself up.

He's wanted in Canada on charges of breach of recognizance and mischief and driving offences, but he isn't wanted in the United States, so Hayduk said police have no authority to arrest him.

"The extradition process — we are still exploring those options," he said. "We have some followup to do with Crown prosecutors to determine what that process will look like."

Hayduk said officers do know Stanley's specific whereabouts, but he wouldn't release those details.

"We can take some comfort that police know where he is and will be taking the appropriate steps to ensure the communities remain safe."

Hayduk said there is no evidence that Stanley has re-offended during his disappearance.

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Peace bond

- Michael Sean Stanley was being monitored by police under a peace bond, which authorities can get to impose conditions on individuals in the community. His peace bond has 20 conditions, including one ordering him to stay away from children.

Convicted sex offender Michael Sean Stanley was the subject of a multi-province search. Edmonton police say Stanley has been located in the United States, but he can't be arrested because he's not wanted on any charges south of the border. LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reprimanded

Fire chief tells French resident to go back to Montreal

Officials in a small community in southern Saskatchewan have decided their volunteer fire chief will be reprimanded for having a heated argument with a French resident.

Danielle Duperre had called 911 asking for help after spotting large flames in her neighbour's fire pit in the village of Manor.

She then taped a tirade from the chief on her cellphone, during which the man swore and yelled at her to go back to Montreal.

Village administrator Lisa Ironside says the comments were inappropriate and the mayor and council have given Duperre an apology letter.

Duperre says the fire chief, who has been unavailable for comment, can't control his anger and needs to resign from his job.

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Month of October

Sale of oil and natural-gas rights down: Province

There has been a drop in the sale of oil and natural gas rights in Saskatchewan.

The province says the October sale of Crown rights has brought in $9.1 million.

That compares to $15.2 million for the same time last year.

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Census objection

Supreme Court won't hear Sask. woman's appeal over census refusal

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear the appeal of a Saskatoon woman who refused to fill out the 2006 long-form census.

Sandra Finley was found guilty in 2011 of contravening the Statistics Act after she refused to fill out the questionnaire.

The provincial court gave her an absolute discharge, meaning she did not face any fine or jail time.

She argues that the act violates her right to be protected from unreasonable search and seizure.

Her main objection to the census focuses on a software contract Statistics Canada awarded to Lockheed Martin, which is also a major military contractor. As usual, the court gave no reasons for its decision not to hear the case. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful that we live in a country where we can stuff ourselves with stuffing and eat turkey until it hurts. It's also a time to throw on a light jacket and feel the autumn leaves crunch beneath your feet. Here are five activities to do around Saskatoon to help you give thanks over the long weekend.

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5 top Thanksgiving activities

1 Berry Barn Thanksgiving Feast

If you don't feel like cooking for the whole family, take the gang to the Berry Barn, located just 10 minutes south of the city. Their annual feast takes place from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the menu includes locally grown vegetables, turkey and a view of the South Saskatchewan River.

2 Water Under the Bridge

This tale set in 1812 follows the friendship of two girls, one from a colonial settlement and the other a Mohawk village. It is being put on by the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company and should be a great way to teach your kids about history and heritage for the fall season.

3 Autumn leaves along the river

Start your day off with lunch at the farmers' market and then take a walk on the Meewasin Valley Trail to see the brilliant fall foliage along the river.

4 Robertson Valley Farm

What would October be without a day spent pumpkin picking? Robertson Valley Farm is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the long weekend, so get a head start on Halloween and sift through the patch for your perfect jack-o'-lantern.

5 TCU Artists on Tour

A picture is worth a thousand words. Hundreds of visual artists from Western Canada will be at TCU Place from Oct. 11 to 13 with original works on display and for sale. This could be a good time to beat the rush and find a unique gift for the holidays.

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Munro 'surprised' and delighted by Nobel win

'Quite wonderful.' Reclusive 82-year-old short-story writer only the 13th woman to win the literature prize

Book lovers around the globe celebrated Alice Munro's spare, elegant prose on Thursday when the Ontario-born author won the Nobel Prize for literature, but the reclusive short-story writer was typically succinct and humble in her reaction to the honour, calling it "quite wonderful."

"At this moment I can't believe it. It's really very wonderful," Munro said just moments after the announcement was made in Stockholm.

"I knew I was in the running, yes, but I never thought I would win." She added that she was delighted and "just terribly surprised."

In making the announcement, the Swedish Academy lauded the 82-year-old as a "master of the contemporary short story." Munro becomes the 110th Nobel laureate in literature and only the 13th woman to receive the distinction.

Reaction to those who have been touched by her work was swift and rapturous.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne cited Munro's Lives of Girls and Women as a favourite, adding she is "part of a lucky population who has been forever changed by (Munro's) unparalleled ability to articulate the complexity and heartbreaks of everyday life."

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Customer Greg Caws holds a copy of Alice Munro's latest book Dear Life at Munro's Books in Victoria, B.C., Thursday following the news that Munro won the Nobel Prize for literature. Inset: Alice Munro at a press conference at Trinity College in Dublin in 2009. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS; PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Earned it

"I think my first thought was 'Finally.'"
Toronto-based writer Wayson Choy

Deserved it

"(Munro) deserves (the Nobel) more than anybody."
Novelist, short-story writer Marina Endicott

Emotional

"I thought, 'Oh, that's just marvellous.'"
Winnipeg novelist David Bergen, who "got all teary-eyed" when he heard the news

Assisted suicide. Despite setback in court, activists say they won't give up

The debate over doctor-assisted suicide seems destined once more for the Supreme Court of Canada after advocates suffered a setback Thursday in the provincial courts.

B.C.'s Court of Appeal has reversed a lower court ruling that said Canada's assisted-suicide ban violated the charter rights of gravely ill Canadians.

B.C. Civil Liberties Association lawyer Grace Pastine stood with plaintiffs Lee Carter and Hollis Johnson — whose mother, Kay Carter, fought for the right to die in Canada before obtaining an assisted suicide in Switzerland in 2010 — outside the courthouse Thursday to announce they're not giving up despite the judgment.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Brunswick. Former politician given 18 years in child sex-abuse case

A former municipal politician and youth worker in Saint John, N.B., abused his position of trust to sexually abuse and make pornographic images of boys for 12 years, a provincial court judge said Thursday as he sentenced Donnie Snook to 18 years in prison.

Snook, who pleaded guilty in May to 46 charges including sexual assault and possessing, distributing and making child pornography, showed no emotion as he was led away in handcuffs.

His crimes, which began in January 2001 and went on until his arrest in January of this year, involved 17 boys, most of whom were from the Saint John area and between the ages of five and 15 at the time of the offences. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Egypt. Two Canadians held without charge cleared to leave country

Egypt's foreign ministry said Thursday a travel ban has been lifted for two Canadians who were barred from leaving Egypt following several weeks of imprisonment.

Badr Abdel-Atty, Egypt's foreign ministry spokesman, said the pair has been cleared to leave Egypt "within hours."

"The prosecutor general has informed us that they are free to leave the country after the accusations against them were dropped," Abdel-Atty said, adding that the prosecutor has ended the interrogation with the Canadians and has decided to cross their name out from the list of those banned from travelling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Iran

Toronto man freed from death row back in Canada

The Department of Foreign Affairs says an Iranian-Canadian man who was on death row in Tehran has returned to Canada.

Hamid Ghassemi-Shall had been in an Iranian prison since he was arrested in 2008 and charged with espionage until he was freed last month.

Ghassemi-Shall, who emigrated from Iran after that country's 1979 revolution, was sentenced to death in 2009.

The Toronto shoe salesman had made several trips back to visit family without incident before his arrest in 2008.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Lynne Yelich says the government is relieved by the positive outcome of Ghassemi-Shall's case.

However, Yelich says Ottawa remains concerned by the "untold numbers of political prisoners languishing in Iran's notorious prison system."

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Divorce, or else: Rabbis arrested in torture plot

New Jersey.
Two rabbis and eight other men arrested in alleged plot to force unwilling husband to give wife divorce

Lawyer Jacob Laufer, who represents accused Ariel Potash, answers questions as he leaves court on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two orthodox rabbis and eight other men were arrested in an FBI undercover sting in New Jersey and New York on charges they plotted to kidnap and torture a man to force him to grant a religious divorce.

Rabbis Mendel Epstein and Martin Wolmark charged Jewish women and their families thousands of dollars to obtain religious divorces, known as "gets," from unwilling husbands, the FBI said.

"They didn't do it out of religious conviction," Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Gribko told a judge Thursday in a federal court hearing for the men. "They did it for money."

Marc Agnifilo, a lawyer for Wolmark, said after the hearing that using coercion and even violence to get husbands to grant religious divorces is "an old tradition."

Two FBI agents, one posing as a woman trying to get a divorce, contacted the rabbis. According to an FBI complaint, Epstein spoke about forcing husbands to comply with a divorce through "tough guys" who use electric cattle prods and even place plastic bags over their heads.

The FBI said the price was more than $50,000 US.

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How to get the "get"

"What we are going to be doing is kidnapping a guy for a couple of hours and beating him up and torturing him and then getting him to give the get."

Rabbi Mendel Epstein, accused in case
As videotaped by FBI in conversation

Seattle religion case

Employer pays up to Muslim man over beard battle

A Seattle-area Muslim man who said his former employer fired him because of the beard he wears for religious reasons has been awarded more than $66,000 US.

According to the lawsuit filed against American Patriot Security in 2011, Abdulkadir Omar was hired to guard a FedEx warehouse in Kent, Wash. He said he started the same day he was hired, and was not told about the clean-shaven policy.

In November 2009, a supervisor told him he had to shave his beard because of the policy. Omar refused, saying his beard is part of his religious beliefs. He was suspended, and fired the following spring, the lawsuit said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guilty in Portland

Canadian woman pleads in eco-terrorism arsons

A Canadian woman who participated in protest arsons across the Pacific Northwest plead guilty Thursday in a Portland, Ore. courtroom.

Now a decade removed from her membership in the eco-terrorism group "The Family," 40-year-old Rebecca Rubin made three admissions of guilt to arson and conspiracy charges, consenting to give up at least five years of freedom. She will be sentenced on Jan. 27.

Members of "The Family" committed a series of arsons across three U.S. states from 1996 to 2001 that did $40 million in damage.

Ten people pleaded guilty in 2007. Two others indicted in the case remain at large. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vancouver blaze flattens heritage building

A firefighter battles a massive blaze at 634 Columbia St. in New Westminster, B.C., early Thursday. Known as the E.L. Lewis heritage block, the brick and frame two-storey structure was built in 1904. The heritage building was destroyed in the fire. SHANE MACKICHAN/SUBMITTED

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Heartbreak in B.C. trailer park

Surrey. City has issued three orders to restore power; phone and water lines cut

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Metro in Vancouver

It's been nearly four weeks since a contractor accidentally knocked out power to a Surrey, B.C., trailer park, and longtime resident Stephen Chalmers says every day is more miserable than the last.

He says surviving the chilly nights in his leaky 1989 trailer has pushed him from a fragile state into a deep depression.

"I phoned my sister yesterday and I told my sister that I didn't know if I could continue," he said on Wednesday, choking on tears. "My family don't quit, but I'm ready to quit. I don't have money. I don't have a roof or a place because this hunk of junk."

NDP MLA Sue Hammell toured the Beladean Motel and Trailer Park, where seven or so residents still live, and said the conditions are heartbreaking. Not only is the power out and the generator service unreliable, but someone has cut the phone lines and a water pipe

"The pipe that delivered their water was cut, and it did not appear to be cut by the excavation, it appeared to be cut by other people, scroungers probably trying to get metal or cable," she said, adding the tenants fixed the water pipe themselves.

WorkSafeBC found owner K.B. Properties failed to hire a health and safety co-ordinator for demolition of the motel, resulting in unsafe asbestos removal and the power outage.

Jas Rehal, manager of bylaw enforcement, said the city has had to issue three orders to restore power after the company brought in insufficient generators and gas.

As of Thursday, the property was listed online as vacant land for sale for $3.9 million, despite the fact people still live there.

Vancouver Eviction Services president Stephano Muzzatti, who was hired by K.B. Properties to evict some of the residents, told Metro he was "irate" when he learned of the state of the park. On Thursday, he threatened to resign unless the owners provide an industrial generator and a security guard to stop looters and vandals.

Reached by phone Thursday, Roshan Arora, who is the property owner's brother and representative, said he was out shopping for an industrial generator as requested.

"After a couple of days, things will be OK," he said, when asked when the power would be restored.

That is no comfort to Chalmers, who is on disability due to mental health issues and is a recovering crack addict, clean for five years. His one comfort, his dog Spaghetti, is with a friend so she doesn't drink water leaking from his ceiling.

"I don't have a way to live a normal life at this point in time. I've done everything I can for myself to get better and it makes me feel like I'm an inconsequential piece of garbage that nobody wants to help, and I don't understand that.

"I just want a trailer that I can park on a place and pay my rent and have my little dog."

Heartbreak motel

Marilyn Chase is desperate to help her brother, Stephen Chalmers, find a new home. She has started a crowdfunding campaign on FundRazr with Metro's help.

- Most parks won't accept him as his 1989 trailer is too old and lacks proper certifications. Chase is trying to raise $5,000 to get him a used but newer one.
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Stephen Chalmers is desperate to escape the Beladean Motel and Trailer Park in Surrey. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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Stone Age news: Hunter-gatherers reject farm diet

Prehistoric eats. Some Stone Age Europeans stuck to hunter-gatherer diets long after neighbours took up farming

The discovery raises the question whether the remains of other holdout hunter-gatherer communities are waiting to be discovered by archaeologists, UBC researchers say. GETTY IMAGES/FILE

By breaking down bones dug out of a German cave, a cutting-edge Canadian laboratory has made the puzzling discovery that some Stone Age Europeans stuck to a hunter-gatherer diet 2,000 years after their neighbours took up farming.

Agriculture first appeared around 8500 BC in present-day Syria and Turkey. Based on archeological sites scattered across Europe, many scientists have assumed that communities there abruptly stopped foraging for food starting around 3,000 years later when farming began to be introduced by peoples migrating from the east.

"It's within one or two generations that all people in the area adopt the new lifestyle," says Olaf Nehlich, a researcher at the University of British Columbia who co-authored the new research.

But isotope analysis at a UBC lab of ancient bones from a cave in Germany revealed dietary signatures that told a different story.

"What we have here ... is a unique situation where we have one group sticking around side by side with farming people for more than a thousand years," says Nehlich — 50 generations or more.

The discovery raises the question of whether the remains of other holdout hunter-gatherer communities are waiting to be discovered by archeologists — and by extension, whether agriculture was really an innovation so attractive that it swept ancient peoples by storm.

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Herbal lies

Herbal products don't always contain what's on the label: Study

When scientists from the University of Guelph scoured the DNA in a number of herbal products, they found that many times the labels on the merchandise didn't accurately reflect what was in the container.

Some products contained fillers such as wheat or rice that were not listed on the label. Some were contaminated with other plant species that could have caused toxicity or triggered allergic reactions. And still others contained no trace of the substance the bottle purported to contain.

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Sugar rage. N.Y.C. Mayor Bloomberg pulled into Mexico soda-tax fight

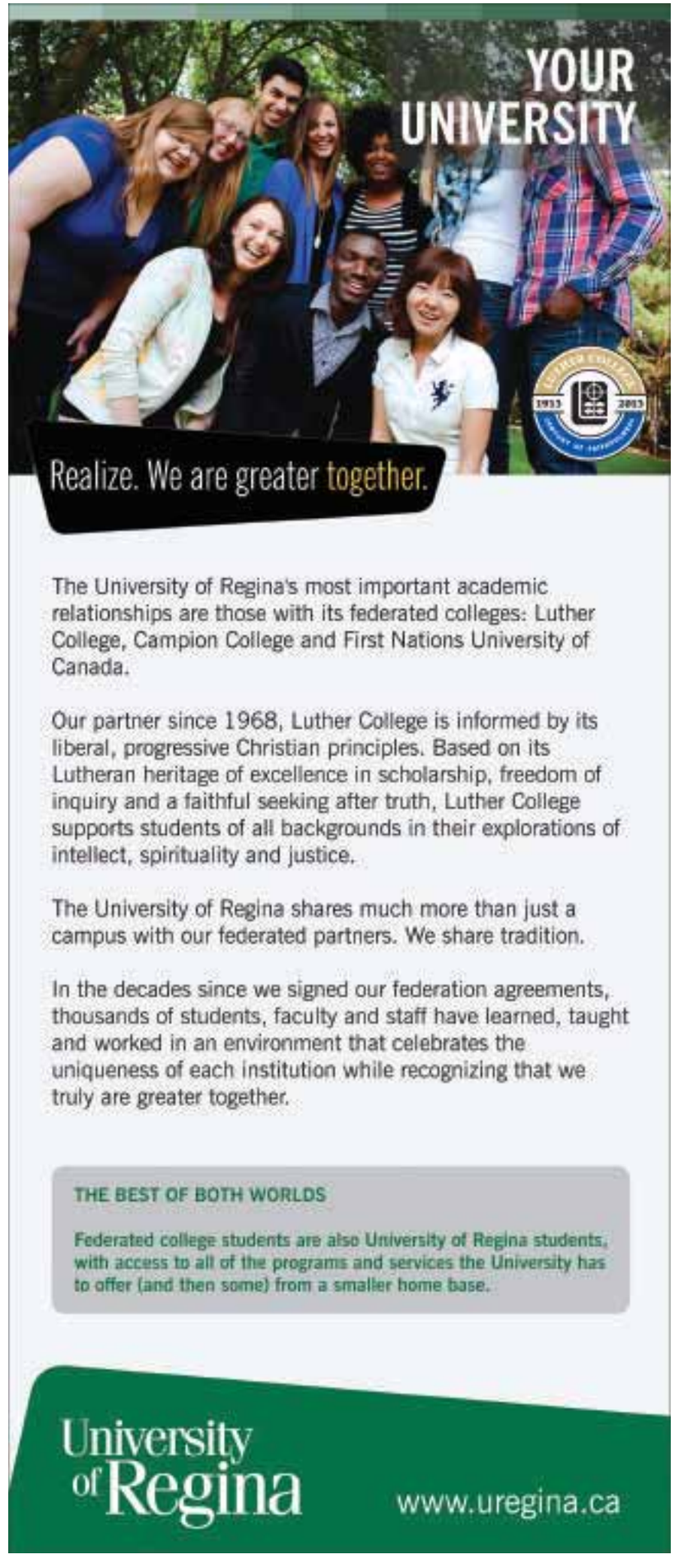
In this Dec. 20, 2006 file photo, a street seller arranges soft drinks in Mexico City. FILE

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's name has been drawn into the debate over a proposed eight-cent (one peso) per litre tax on soft drinks to fund weight-control efforts in Mexico, which now has higher obesity rates than the United States.

Mexico President Enrique Pena Nieto's proposal to raise $950 million from the soda tax has drawn the beverage industry's wrath in the country with the world's highest yearly soda consumption; the average Mexican consumes 163 litres of soft drinks annually.

Soft-drink bottlers, retailers and sugar growers have purchased ads opposing the measure. The government wants to use tax income to install water fountains in schools, most of which don't have them.

Some ads target Bloomberg, who unsuccessfully backed a state tax on soft drinks and then a ban on large sodas in New York City. Bloomberg's charity has contributed to Mexican pro-tax groups. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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400-plus pounds. Obese prisoner at Guantanamo appeals for release

Tarek El-Sawah is in terrible shape after 11 years as a prisoner at Guantanamo Bay, a fact even the U.S. military does not dispute.

During his time in captivity, the weight of the 55-year-old Egyptian has nearly doubled, reaching more than 420 pounds at one point, and his health has deteriorated as a result, both his lawyers and government officials concede.

Lawyers for El-Sawah, and the doctors they have taken to Cuba to examine him, paint a dire picture — a morbidly obese man with diabetes. He is short of breath, barely able to walk 10 feet. His lawyers hope to have him released.

Tarek El-Sawah in an old family photo. AP

"We are very afraid that he could die at any moment," said Lt. Col. Sean Gleason.

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Azerbaijan

President wins landslide before winning landslide

Something funny happened the day before Azerbaijan's presidential election: The election commission announced the winner.

On Tuesday, the smartphone app of the Central Election Commission released the results of Wednesday's vote, showing President Ilham Aliyev winning 73 per cent of the vote.

The gaffe was said to have happened when a software developer released the figures as a "test." In the real results Aliyev won by 85 per cent.

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Libya's PM abducted for several hours

Brazen seizure. Prime Minister Ali Zidan abducted by gunmen in retaliation for a U.S. raid that captured an al-Qaida suspect

The abduction was brief but still audacious: Gunmen from one of Libya's many militias stormed a hotel where the prime minister has a residence and held him for several hours Thursday — apparently in retaliation for his government's alleged collusion with the U.S. in a raid last weekend that captured an al-Qaida suspect.

The brazen seizure of Prime Minister Ali Zidan heightened the alarm over the power of unruly militias that virtually hold the weak central government hostage. Many of the militias include Islamic militants and have ideologies similar to al-Qaida's.

The armed bands regularly use violence to intimidate officials to sway policies, gunning down security officials and kidnapping their relatives.

At the same time, the state relies on militias to act as security forces, since the police and military remain in disarray after dictator Moammar Gadhafi was overthrown and killed in 2011.

The militias are rooted in the brigades that fought in the uprising and are often referred to as "revolutionaries."

Not only was Zidan abducted by militiamen who officially work in a state body, it took other militias to rescue him by storming the site.

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Militias control much

The raid underscores the lawlessness gripping Libya.

- The weak central government is virtually hostage to multiple, independent-minded militias — many of them made up of Islamic militants — that serve as security forces and hold sway across the country.
- The armed bands regularly use violence.

Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan, left, at a press conference after being rescued from gunmen early Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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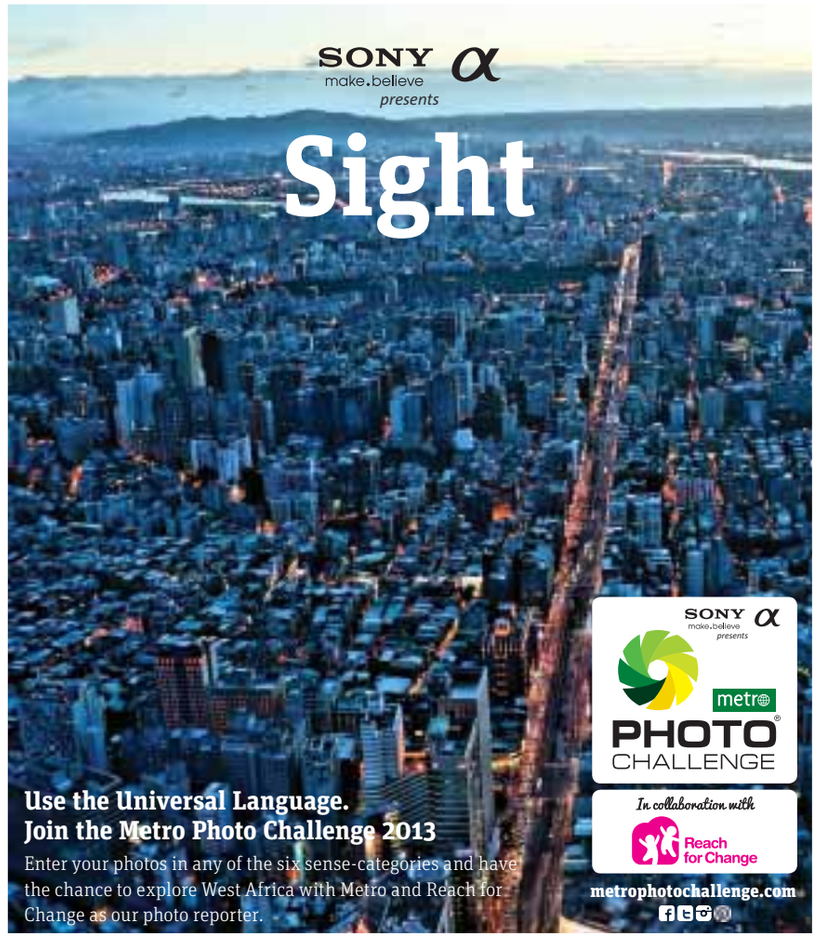

Former U.S. officials see Snowden in Russia

Americans, from left, Jesselyn Radack, Raymond McGovern, Coleen Rowley and Thomas Drake chat before their interview with The Associated Press in Moscow on Thursday. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NSA whistleblower. The Americans said Snowden was in good spirits and believes he did the right thing disclosing the NSA surveillance program

Four former U.S. government officials who met with former National Security Agency systems analyst Edward Snowden said Thursday that he is adjusting to life in Russia and expresses no regrets about leaking highly classified information. Separately, Snowden's father arrived to see his son.

The Americans, who once worked for the CIA, FBI, Justice Department and NSA, have criticized the U.S. government and exposed what they believed was wrongdoing in the security agencies. All supporters of Snowden, they are the first Americans known to have met with him since he was granted asylum in Russia in August.

In interviews with The Associated Press, they described spending the previous evening with Snowden to present him with an award given annually by a group of retired national security officers.

"He spoke about going out and about and getting to understand Russia and its culture and the people," said Thomas Drake, who started working for the NSA in 2001 and disclosed an electronic espionage program that he saw as invasive. "This is where he lives now, and so where you live is your home."

Snowden's father, Lon, did not say when or where he would meet his 30-year-old son, but expressed optimism about his situation.

"He's safe and he's free, and that's a good thing," Lon Snowden said shortly after he arrived in Moscow.

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Whistleblowers unite

The Sam Adams Award

Most of the Americans who visited Snowden are past recipients of the Sam Adams Award, named for a CIA analyst who, during the Vietnam War, accused the U.S. military of underestimating the strength of the enemy for political purposes. The award is given annually by the Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence.

The winner of the award in 2010 was WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange.

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Bomb-sniffers

Security steps up for this year's Chicago Marathon

Bomb-sniffing dogs, surveillance cameras and undercover officers will help make Sunday's Chicago Marathon the most monitored race in the city's history.

In the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings earlier this year, Chicago police have increased security for an event expected to draw 45,000 runners and more than a million spectators.

Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy says spectators will see more officers randomly checking bags and bomb-sniffing dogs. Racers will have to go through added security at the starting line and will have to put all their belongings in clear plastic bags.

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Gymnastics

Italian gymnast slips up with racial comment

The Italian gymnastics federation condemned racism on Thursday after offensive comments made by one of its athletes.

Vanessa Ferrari and teammate Carlotta Ferlito finished fourth and fifth on the balance beam on Sunday at the world championships in Belgium, just behind bronze medallist Simone Biles, who is African-American. Ferlito said, with a laugh, that she told Ferrari, "Next time we'll have our skin black also so we can win, too."

USA Gymnastics President Steve Penny said he'd been in contact with Agabio and Biles' family, and "we consider the matter is behind us."

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Foreign affairs. Sri Lanka blasts PM Harper over his decision to boycott summit

Sri Lanka on Thursday criticized Prime Minister Stephen Harper's decision to boycott a Commonwealth summit next month over the island nation's human-rights record.

Government spokesman Keheliya Rambukwella said Harper is "in a lone battle" and had failed to persuade other Commonwealth members to boycott the summit, hosted by Sri Lanka.

Harper has accused Sri Lanka of failing to uphold the Commonwealth's core values. He said Monday that Canada is disturbed by ongoing reports of intimidation and incarceration of political leaders and journalists, harassment of minorities, reported disappearances and allegations of extra-judicial killings.

Canada is the largest home of expatriate Tamils, an ethnic minority in Sri Lanka who complain of widespread discrimination in their native country.

Rambukwella rejected Harper's criticisms, saying "he has his own political obligations."

Western nations have been pressing Sri Lanka to account for thousands of civilians who are suspected to have died in the final months of a quarter-century civil war that ended in 2009 when government forces crushed Tamil rebels who were fighting for an ethnic homeland.

Canada's Tamils

Canada is the largest home of expatriate Tamils, an ethnic minority in Sri Lanka who complain of widespread discrimination in their native country.

- There are 54 members of the Commonwealth, a loose association of former British colonies.

While Sri Lanka has enjoyed peace in the past four years, rights groups have accused the government of squelching dissent and suppressing the judiciary.

Australia and Britain have pushed for engagement with Sri Lanka rather than isolating it, and have encouraged countries to participate in the Commonwealth leaders' meeting in Sri Lanka. Several human rights groups have urged a boycott.

Harper said Canada will also examine its financing of the Commonwealth. He said if the Commonwealth is to remain relevant it must stand in defence of basic principles of freedom and respect for human dignity.

Canada contributes about $20 million annually to various Commonwealth initiatives.

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One of the towering plant sculptures that covered the grounds of the Montreal Botanical Gardens is seen this past August. Beautiful sites like this are every where in Quebec — so why has the province found itself on a contest blacklist that includes Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria? R. M. GREEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

La Belle Province lumped in with Syria, N. Korea

Quebecers might feel like their vision is fuzzy these days when they read that their province has been lumped in with North Korea, Syria and Sudan on a list of ineligible sites for a National Geographic photo contest.

The fine print for the magazine's "Explore our Changing World" contest has caused something of an online stir this week in La Belle Province.

It's not the first time a contest has avoided the province because of its strict rules. So now Quebec has found itself on a contest blacklist that includes Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria, as well as a pair of U.S. states: New Jersey and Vermont.

The provincial government isn't thrilled.

"It's a bit troubling," said Joyce Tremblay, a spokeswoman for the provincial commission that oversees contests.

It's not a new phenomenon. Some contest-makers have avoided Quebec over the years because of strict rules governing how those competitions are run in the province. Given those rules and the potential costs associated, some sponsors aren't willing to deal with Quebec, despite the fact it remains the country's second most populous province.

But Tremblay said the decision to leave Quebecers out of the contest was misguided.

She said that since National Geographic is running a photography contest — and not a contest with cash prizes — the media organization didn't face the same rules and would not have had to pay any fees.

"This contest wasn't subject to our rules," Tremblay said.

"Sadly, they decided to exclude Quebec without checking the facts because they were afraid they'd have to pay."

Quebec is the only jurisdiction in Canada to have such rules.

Since getting lumped in with places like North Korea and Syria isn't great for the province's reputation, Tremblay said she hopes companies take the time to call and get the right information.

"They don't even take two minutes to call and sometimes the amounts (to pay) are quite minimal," Tremblay said.

The prestigious magazine's contest runs for three weeks this month and asks photographers to document change.

The prizes include getting a photo published in the magazine as well as a trip to New Mexico to take part in a photography seminar.

"It's a little bit sad," Tremblay said.

"But it's National Geographic that decided to put us (Quebec) there because they wouldn't have had to pay anything."

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What's it all about?

Quebec's contest rules have been in place since 1978 and are designed to protect consumers and ensure prizes are paid out.

- Tremblay said some 8,866 contests were authorized and held in Quebec last year alone, with large operations like McDonald's and Tim Hortons holding their popular contests like Monopoly and Roll-up-the-rim in the province, just like elsewhere in Canada.

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Oh, um, no I'm not *that* Rogers

#$@* you, @rogers!
Affable Aussie transplant laughs off misdirected online ire during outage

When Glenn Rogers's cellphone started vibrating uncontrollably Wednesday, he knew the cause immediately.

"Nothing like another Rogers outage to liven up my feed," he tweeted.

Glenn is the proud owner of the @rogers handle on Twitter. On most days, the Brooklyn resident receives only 100 or so messages from confused Rogers Communications customers, but during Wednesday's three-hour network outage, his Twitter feed exploded.

Glenn Rogers (@rogers)

"The moment people lose their Internet or their phone, they take to Twitter to voice their rage."

You can direct any real complaints to Rogers Communications to @RogersHelps

"It's almost instantaneous," the human Rogers said. "The moment people lose their Internet or their phone, they take to Twitter to voice their rage."

Canadian Rogers customers bombarded Glenn with misplaced abuse, much of it unfit for print. However, in between all the swearing and name-calling, plenty of others jumped to his defence. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

Glenn Rogers of Brooklyn, N.Y., has the @rogers handle on Twitter. He often gets irate tweets meant for @RogersHelps. TWITTER

Data. Spying on your kids and nanny will cost you

There's another reason to fret over your Internet plan's data cap — at least for consumers who are interested in the new Dropcam Pro, a camera that beams live video from your home onto the Internet and offers a PVR-like experience to watch it through a website or mobile app.

Think of it as an Apple-esque nanny cam. It's a slick, easy-to-use device that lets parents keep an eye on their kids or pets while at work and functions as a security camera that can automatically store video online. It isn't terribly expensive for how well it works. But there's a catch.

The newest version of the camera, which was made available in Canada for the first time on Thursday via Dropcam.com and Amazon.ca, may gulp through more than 65 gigabytes of data a month if left running 24/7.

For many Bell and Rogers customers on a less expensive Internet plan, that's either more than their monthly data allotment or close to it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Behind the curve

SOS: Canada's 911 system needs help, says CRTC

Canada's patchwork system of 911 services needs to fix the problems it currently has — such as accurately locating cellphone callers — before new ways such as text messaging or social media can be used to call for help in an emergency, a CRTC report says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New medical specialist struggling

The findings are startling, given years of complaints about doctor shortages and long wait times for surgeries. But a new report suggests that nearly one in six recently minted medical specialists cannot find work in their field.

And one in five of the new specialists reported taking a series of short term fill-in posts — locums, in the lingo of medicine — to stay working.

Physicians who reported having trouble finding work included urologists, critical care specialists, gastroenterologists, ophthamologists, orthopedic surgeons and general surgeons, though doctors from other sub-specialties were also unemployed.

Steven Lewis, a health policy consultant based in Saskatchewan, suggested the report is proof reactive moves made over the last 15 years or so solved one problem by creating another. And he said the situation the report captures will only get worse, because medical schools will continue to graduate specialists at current levels for the next few years at least.

"I think we overshot the mark," said Lewis, who was not involved in this study.

"I think that there is no question that ... almost doubling medical school enrolments since the late 1990s combined with easier paths to licensure for international medical grads was the wrong thing to do. We didn't think it through as a country." THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the know

The report is based on a survey of over 4,000 newly graduated doctors and interviews with about 50 people knowledgeable about the situation — deans of medical schools, hospital CEOs and the like.

Millions impacted

Rogers: Software problem behind network failure

Rogers Communications says it has fixed a network software problem that temporarily shut down text and phone service to about two-thirds of its 10 million cellphone customers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Good news...

BlackBerry's saving grace could be co-founders

BlackBerry co-founders Mike Lazaridis and Douglas Fregin are looking at making a potential takeover bid for the smartphone maker. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bad news...

Smartphone maker shutting Halifax offices

Embattled tech giant BlackBerry announced the closure Thursday of its offices in the Halifax area, eliminating more than 300 jobs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SECOND BIG BANG THEORY CONFIRMED

THE METRO LIST

Mike Benhaim
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1 **C'est la vie.** Claire Le Bel, mayoral candidate of Laval, the city just north of Montreal, is requesting police protection after her campaign manager was assaulted. The attack followed the release of recorded conversations with her former boss and long-time mayor, Gilles Vaillancourt. Vaillancourt is currently facing criminal charges for "gangsterism," or as it's called in Montreal, "politics."

2 **Sexy thangs.** Esquire magazine named Scarlett Johansson the sexiest woman alive for the second time. While many of us agree that she is sexy, the title of "sexiest" is very subjective. A tip to men choosing to engage in public controversy, the correct answer should invariably be (insert name of wife or girlfriend here).

3 **Splitsville, U.S.A.** Bruce and Kris Jenner have officially separated. With no pre-nuptial agreement in place, the enterprising Kardashian baby-mama is likely to pack a huge financial punch. My advice to the Olympian: Better eat your Wheaties before the milk runs out. Divorce proceedings can be seen on Fox.

4 **Till you drop.** A study released by the National Academy of Sciences this week uncovered the mystery of marsupial male deaths after mating. Apparently the female only accepts male suitors once a year for the sole purpose of reproduction. This encourages competition in males who save their sperm and energy for something of a "big bang marathon," which lasts for 12 to 14 hours and repeats several times until they eventually die of stress. They needed a study for this?

5 **Hockey Night in Canada.** Note to women: Attempting unscheduled discussions expecting more than a monosyllabic response from spouses during NHL games is considered interference and will result in a penalty. Note to husbands: Invoking said penalty may result in changes to the mating schedule (see number four).

6 **Say what?** A Nobel Prize in physics was awarded to Peter Higgs and François Englert for discovering the Higgs boson, a.k.a. "the God particle," which confers mass to elementary particles. This is controversial because several physicists experienced simultaneous breakthroughs. Some scientists were upset and considered taking it before the courts until their lawyers explained that no one would understand what the heck they were talking about.

7 **In the mix.** Red Bull's Thre3style National DJ Finals were held last Sunday at Cowboy's Dance Hall in Calgary. The crowd was treated to some funktastic sets by eight of Canada's finest. Quebec's Adam (Doubleyou) White won the honour of representing Canada at the world finals, which this year will be held in clubs across Toronto from Nov. 4 to 9. Book your spot at redbull.ca/3styletickets.

8 **This week in music.** On Oct. 9, 1975, Sean Lennon, the only child of John and Yoko, was born, prompting the former Beatle toward a musical hiatus in favour of being a full-time father and husband. Sean went on to become a singer, songwriter, musician and actor. Oh, also born on Oct. 9 ... John Lennon.

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ZOOM

Berlin is looking bright these days

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Shining city tells many stories

The installation Waechter der Zeit (Guardians of the Time) stands in front of the Berlin Cathedral during the festival of lights.

The festival of lights illuminates numerous famous landmarks, streets, squares and hot spots in the German capital through Oct. 20. In addition to the light exhibits, the festival holds many events and musical performances all connected by the light theme.

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visitors flock to the event, now in its ninth year, and the city sees an additional 600,000 people come from out of town. The festival has garnered international attention and is now one of the largest light festivals in the world.

Lamps shaped as ships are seen in a water basin next to Potsdam Square, Berlin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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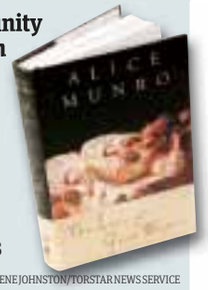
Thursday gave us all an opportunity to puff with patriotic pride when it was announced that national treasure Alice Munro had won the 2013 Nobel Prize for literature. So whether you want to read Munro's work for the first time, or are interested in checking out some other short story writers, here's a few good places to start.



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The New Yorker:

Let's start with the master herself. The New Yorker is one of Alice Munro's unofficial homes, and the archive on their website is a treasure trove of her work that reaches back through the years. Many of them are locked behind a subscriber paywall, but it'll be a long time before you run out of free content. (newyorker.com)

East of the Web:

Feel free to pluck a story out of the thousands available from professional and amateur in whichever genre you choose — provided your tastes aren't hopelessly niche. The sci-fi collection is particularly robust. (eastoftheweb.com)

Bibliofaction:

Another huge depository à la East of the Web, except buoyed by a strong and supportive community that we've heard can be quite helpful to aspiring short story authors ready to begin building their own case for a Nobel Prize. (bibliofaction.com)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: An NYC restaurant forbids chit chatting while dining. Would you eat there?

@BVAssociation: The food better be outstanding to earn our silence and increased attention.

@BrianObie1: this is nothing more than a ploy to get people in and out quickly and make more $$$$

@chantalehoney: that sounds wonderful! My kids talk so much, I'd love a quiet meal!

@BlakeHusky: Finally, a restaurant I can take my mother-in-law to.

@serpentina66: ew. All you'd hear is smacking, slurping, chewing, and loud swallowing.

@Lalu31: I wouldn't. Soup slurping, forks scraping against plates, and general chewing sounds would be heightened in silence!Need convo

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Synopsis

Based on the true story of Captain Richard Phillips (Tom Hanks) who took on a routine voyage around the Horn of Africa in April 2009 when his ship was attacked by Somali Pirates led by Muse (Barkhad Abdi). "Nobody gets hurt," Muse says. "It's just business." But business turns violent when it becomes clear the million-dollar payday Muse and company were expecting isn't going to pan out. As the situation escalates Phillips is taken aboard a life raft, kidnapped, bound for Somalia where he'll be held for ransom.

- Richard: ●●●●○
- Mark: ●●●●○

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Tom Hanks is a mix of heroic and stoic in Captain Phillips. CONTRIBUTED

Captain with a hook

Pitted against pirates. Tom Hanks puts forth a powerful performance in the spellbinding Captain Phillips

Richard: Mark, I don't think it's fair to charge audiences full price for screenings of Captain Phillips. While watching this I was reminded of the old Monster Trucks ads that bellowed, "You pay for the whole seat but you'll only need the edge!" Director Paul Greengrass is a master of action who does a great job of portraying the vastness of the ocean and the isolation of the ship and its crew. I was dangling off the front of my seat from about the 30 minute mark. You?

Mark: Yes, in fact I was so on edge I have a slice-mark across my butt. I was so grateful the movie doesn't waste a lot of time going into the backstories of the crew. The pirates arrive quickly and brutally. I was worried we'd have to endure a lot of bleeding heart nonsense about the pirates and their "point of view." But that is kept to a minimum and the bad guys get to be bad guys and Tom Hanks, once again, can be a saint among men.

RC: I thought Hanks was terrific here. He is saintly, but he's also heroic and stoic. I think it might have been easy to overplay this role but he keeps it subdued for the most part. (SPOILER ALERT) It's only in the film's final moments, when the ordeal is over, that Hanks really unloads with the kind of raw and shell shocked reaction that the Academy is going to love.

MB: The Academy may also love the Somali pirate captain, Barkhad Abdi, who goes toe to toe with Hanks through the whole movie. I haven't seen such a scary, haunting face since the days of German Expressionist cinema! The movie is riveting, but it isn't surprising. There's only one way this movie can end and it should be obvious halfway through. That having been said, I have no fingernails left.

RC: Abdi is great. This is an action movie and as written he is primarily a plot device to keep the action moving forward, but despite an underwritten part he brings some humanity to the villain role. His explanation for his way of life, that he is a victim of limited opportunity and not a bad man, helps place his actions in context.

MB: Greengrass has passed this way before, in United 93. But this is a lesser known story, so it's easier to tense up and enjoy it.

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Mother knows best, so they say, but the truth is there's only a delicately placed 'S' separating 'mother' from 'smother'. With the remake of Stephen King's Carrie on the horizon, Metro opted to use poor Carrie White (Chloe Grace-Moretz in the new version) and her operatically toxic relationship with her wild-eyed monster of a mom Margaret(Julianne Moore) as the inspiration for a brief list of other great cataclysmic mother/child relationships in filmed entertainment. Here's a few of our faves.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

5 Truly mad mothers

Psycho (1960)

Though we never actually see Norma Bates in Hitchcock's seminal mama's boy horror classic, her presence dominates the film just as much as it dominates her boy Norman's fevered, homicidal imagination. Much later, Olivia Hussey would illustrate the grimy, borderline incestuous relationship in Psycho IV and recently TV's Bates Motel explored the increasingly dangerous mother/son stew with the aid of actress Vera Farmiga. Psycho's infamous shower sequence deftly seals the obsessive parental relationship in the most explicit way possible.

Wild at Heart

David Lynch's outrageous, ultra-violent road movie/romance/horrorshow stars Laura Dern and her real-life mother Diane Ladd as white-trash belles whose sickening closeness decimates all. When Dern runs away with her lover (Nicolas Cage at his best), Ladd turns into the wicked witch, sending murderers after them while rapidly losing whatever tenuous grip on sanity she may have had. Watch out for the scene of Ladd in full face lipstick, screaming at the fates. Chilling stuff.

Mother's Boys

This underrated thriller sees Jamie Lee Curtis as a mom who leaves her brood, only to return years later. When her husband spurns her affections for a new lover, Curtis goes insane, harassing the family, committing murder and brainwashing her conflicted elder son into acting out her psychotic intent. Brace yourself for the nail-biting and emotionally upsetting climax.

Mommie Dearest

Faye Dunaway channels a distortion of actress Joan Crawford in this accidental camp classic, an adaptation of the same named biography penned by Crawford's daughter. In it, the boozy, ballistic single mother terrorizes, tortures, browbeats and physically attacks her poor offspring in encounters so over-the-top they breach the level of cartoon. Watch out for the bit in which a histrionic Dunaway performs an unwelcome haircut on her screaming kid.

Boardwalk Empire

Prime time has never seen the likes of devil-mama Gillian Darmody, played with desperate seduction by the gorgeous Gretchen Mol in the hit HBO series. Darmody uses sex as a weapon to manipulate and maneuver her son Jimmy through a vile underworld that eventually destroys him. She also sleeps with her child. But such antics are only the tip of this black widow's scheming iceberg. Beware the lethal heroine/bathtub encounter in season three.

The right kind of mom

"I've never played a perfect mother. They're well-meaning, but definitely not perfect. So they know from that and that's why (they cast me)? That's nice, I'm glad they're thinking of me. I'm glad they grew up and started making good movies, that's nice. I'll be part of that, please."

Catherine O'Hara on an entire generation thinking of her as a bad mother, thanks in large part to her role as forgetful mom Kate McAllister in Home Alone 23 years ago. She continues the trend with a pair of films this fall, A.C.O.D. and The Right Kind of Wrong.
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Action

Machete Kills

Director. Robert Rodriguez

Stars. Danny Trejo, Michelle Rodriguez

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Be warned: if you're not already on board with the grindhouse resurgence, this movie is not for you. Machete is once again pulled into U.S./Mexico politics, this time by the president who's tasked him with stopping a bi-polar revolutionary who's got a missile pointed at the U.S. (the trigger is rigged to his heart beat). Buoyed by a bigger budget, Rodriguez goes all out in this sequel. But in the constant jumping around, he quickly loses the plot. Still there's enough blood shed and stunt casting to carry the film — Cuba Gooding Jr. is a particular surprise. **IAN GORMELY**

Drama

Romeo and Juliet

Director. Carlo Carlei

Stars. Hailee Steinfeld, Douglas Booth

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Downton Abbey guru Julian Fellowes and director Carlo Calrei take a crack at Shakespeare's doomed teen lovers, and the results are barely worthy of a catty dismissal by the Dowager Countess. Somehow Fellowes — who gets credit for the screenplay here — manages to significantly shorten the play and still make this version feel unending. It's so bland, lifeless and uneccesary that you find yourself watching the kids pine and think, "Just die already so we can get out of here." Do yourself a favour and just rent Zeffirelli's instead. **NED EHRBAR**

Romance

Right Kind of Wrong

Director. Jeremiah S. Chechik

Stars. Ryan Kwanten, Catherine O'Hara

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The Right Kind of Wrong has a kind of identity crisis. Not only does the Canadian rom-com cater to clichéd mainstream conventions but it distractingly works in foul (and mostly flat) gags involving testicles and incontinence in Paris. True Blood's Ryan Kwanten is appealing enough as a phobic, failed writer trying to inexplicably woo a newly-married woman but here's a tip to future filmmakers: If a mountainous setting upstages the cast, your film's in all kinds of trouble.
STEVE GOW

Documentary

Watermark

Directors. Jennifer Baichwal, Edward Burtynsky

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In what may possibly be considered a sequel to her award-winning 2006 doc Manufactured Landscapes, Jennifer Baichwal (now teaming up with that film's shutterbug subject Edward Burtynsky) creates a stunningly beautiful study of water and humankind's dependence (or neglect) of it. For almost every majestic, carefully framed shot, there lies a horror beneath, but the filmmakers succeed by avoiding didacticism and instead skillfully shower the viewer with a cascade of contemplation.
STEVE GOW

Comedy/Drama

Drinking Buddies

Director. Joe Swanberg

Stars. Olivia Wilde, Jake Johnson

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Mumblecore stalwart Joe Swanberg trades up actor-wise in Drinking Buddies, which sees the lesser lights of his previous movies replaced by big-wattage actors like Olivia Wilde, Anna Kendrick and Jake Johnson. This story of two couples who disband and tentatively shift romantic partnerships following a tense weekend at the cottage has more wit and shape than Swanberg's previous films, but it's also surprisingly conventional: a crossover move from a director who has made his name by staying safely tucked within a low-budget niche.
ADAM NAYMAN

Drama

Touchy Feely

Director. Lynn Shelton

Stars. Rosemarie DeWitt, Ellen Page

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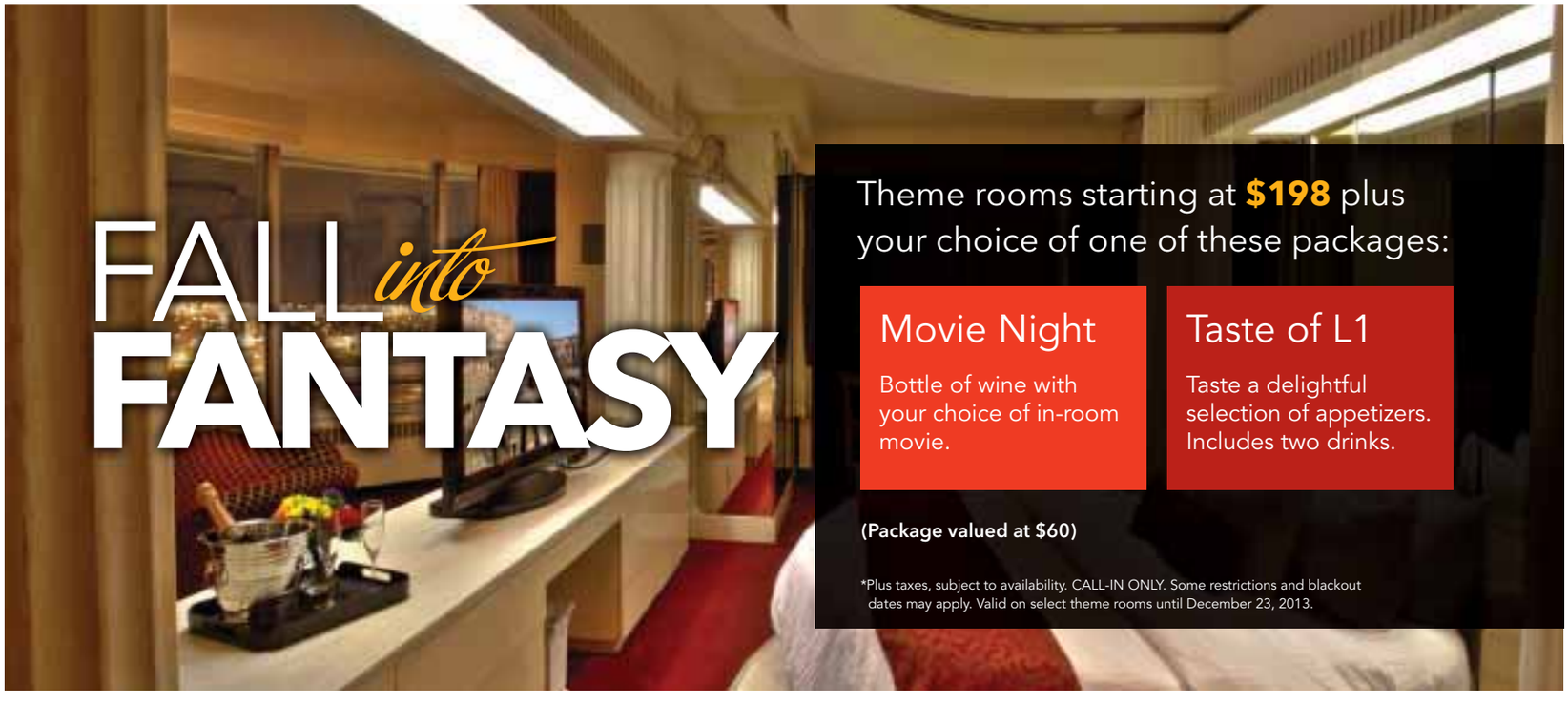
This new Lynn Shelton film is a slow burn. The languidly-paced story about a massage therapist (Rosemary DeWitt) with an aversion to touch, an awkward dentist (Josh Pais) with the ability to heal TMJ, and his daughter, the directionless Jenny (Ellen Page), is a delicate creation. It's a character study about fear of intimacy that makes up for the listless story with atmosphere and wonderful, naturalistic performances from the cast. Allison Janney shines as a Reiki master, but it is Page who breaks hearts as a woman with unrequited love for a man. **RICHARD CROUSE**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Sarah Paulson embraces her dark side in latest role

12 Years a Slave. Actress says Mistress Epps is her most violent role to date and she doesn't plan on going that dark again

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Sarah Paulson is the petty, defensive Mistress Epps in 12 Years A Slave. CONTRIBUTED

Sarah Paulson goes to some impressively dark, violent places in director Steve McQueen's brutal and arresting 12 Years a Slave as Mistress Epps, the petty and defensive wife of Michael Fassbender's malicious plantation owner. And to think, "Michael Fassbender's wife" sounds like such an appealing job description.

This isn't what you imagined being married to Michael Fassbender would be like, is it?

It sure isn't. Every single person asked me when I told them. They were like, "What are you going to do?" And I told them, "I'm doing this movie 12 Years a Slave. I play Michael Fassbender's wife." And before I got to the part about what it's about, they were like, "Wait, wait, wait. Do you get to kiss him?" And I was like, "Ah … it's not that kind of movie, so unfortunately no." But from an acting standpoint it's everything I could've hoped for.

It's remarkable that even with this big of an ensemble you still get a chance to make your impact. What was your route into understanding your character?

I didn't want to judge her, even though I think she behaves despicably and does indefensible things, without question — and I'm not looking to justify her behaviour on her behalf. But in terms of an actor trying to find a way into something, I had to figure out the motivating factors, and what was motivating her behaviour was her terrible fear that she was about to lose her husband — or had lost her husband — along with the respect in her household, the opinion of her in the community, all of it. It's very embarrassing, and I think for someone like Mistress Epps, I don't think she is a deeply complicated person. I'm not saying she's dumb, but I don't think she is emotionally or psychologically savvy. So instead I think she just went the only way she knows how, which is in my mind kind of like the way an animal defends its turf.

She does have a considerable amount of power over Master Epps, though.

She does, she does. Because I think she thinks he's weak, and when she sees his weakness she goes for it. Master Epps is really in love with Patsy, but he hates himself for it. His own love for her is despicable to him and he knows it can't be and it's not right, and my character plays on that fear in him and gets him to act out based on that ill feeling inside of himself, and that's where her power lies.

Have you ever done anything onscreen as violent as what you do in this film?

No, never. Never. And I hope to never again, although I do feel that it was very important for the narrative that it be as strong as that, to really show what was endured. The brutality of it, to me, is absolutely important and imperative to the telling of this story. I just feel that without it, it would lose part of what feels so insanely authentic about the movie.

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The small screen just keeps getting scarier

Television. Violent, graphic stories are increasingly migrating from movie theatres to your living room

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News in New York City

Kathy Bates plays the evil Madame LaLaurie on American Horror Story: Coven. CONTRIBUTED

'Tis the season for all things that creep, crawl and go bump in the night, and if your TV Guide is any indication, it's also the year for it.

There's been a noticeable shift in the medium — where horror used to lurk almost entirely at the box office, we're seeing a large influx of spooky, scary and sometimes downright disturbing programs on television.

From long-running shows like Dexter (R.I.P.) to newer fright fests like American Horror Story (its third season premiered Wednesday), Bates Motel and Hannibal, there's no denying that viewers have developed an appetite for TV with darker inclinations.

This begs the question: Why do we love to be scared? And why now, seemingly more than ever? The world is a scary place, and the truth is too often more disturbing than fiction. So how is it that there's an expanding market for fictional shows designed to horrify?

According to Dr. Robert Kraft, a psychology professor at Otterbein University, this inclination for frightening tales is innately human. "The world has always been a scary place and people have always enjoyed terrifying stories — from the myths of ancient Greece through ... contemporary stories of horror in film and on television," he says.

However, he agrees that there's been a shift as of late.

"One change has been the increasingly realistic depiction of graphic violence. More than half a century ago, the famous shower scene in Hitchcock's Psycho never showed the victim getting stabbed. Today, that scene would be shot with multiple gory close-ups of the actual stabbing. Another change has been the migration of graphic, violent stories from the movies to television," he says.

Even shows not expressly designed to be scary (dramas like Breaking Bad or new FX crime thriller The Bridge) depict gore and violence that would have been deemed unairable not so long ago. Meanwhile, shows like Criminal Minds allow viewers a chilling peek inside the psyches of psychopaths and serial killers.

Channelling our fears

"When the murder and mayhem on TV is over, we can turn it off and feel safe. It gives us a sense of control."

Emmy-winning media psychiatrist Dr. Carole Lieberman

And, in a time when what we see on the news should be scary enough to sate anyone's need for that kind of voyeurism, we seem to be seeking it out more than ever.

"People watch disturbing, gory shows for the excitement, the vicarious experience of violence, the strong emotions and the ultimate resolution of the conflicts," says Kraft. "Many follow a familiar trajectory that allows people to be scared while also knowing that there will be a clear resolution."

In other words, we watch because it allows us to channel our real world fears into a compartmentalized, manageable form of entertainment. Emmy-winning media psychiatrist Dr. Carole Lieberman agrees. "When the murder and mayhem on TV is over, we can turn it off and feel safe," she says. "It gives us a sense of control."

So, when we watch some form of the bogeyman wreak unimaginable horrors on a fictional victim, then we oddly enough feel safer.

Kevin Howley, a media studies professor, sums it up. "These shows offer viewers a vehicle to explore the dark side in relative safety and security," he says. "In this respect, these programs are part of a longer storytelling tradition — think Grimm's fairy tales, for instance — that help explain the world, a sometimes dark and scary place, and do so in a thoroughly engrossing and enlightening fashion."

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High on life ... and marijuana

A$AP Rocky. New York's rapper of the moment tells Metro why fashion is his biggest influence, amid a haze of green

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"I'm not going to lie, drugs have influenced my life; I do smoke a lot of marijuana," slurs the guy who gave up dealing drugs two years ago.

Even over the telephone, it's unarguably clear in his smoke-soaked voice. At this point, the interview mimics those post-party dead-hour stoner chats where conversation falls somewhere between the profound and the prosaic.

"Smoking together, bonging together, that's where you meet some of your closest friends — it's like a token of friendship."

The combination of drug talk and toking has brought the hip hop artist to his open-your-mind optimum, continuing.

"It's an international language of love. There's no skin colour barriers or no shit like that; everything is one colour and that's purple baby —everything is motherf—ing purple."

A$AP Rocky's the ultimate hip hop protagonist in a world where he's "free to do whatever I want."

He bagged a $3 million dollar deal with Sony-RCA's subdivision Polo Grounds Music. The dollar sign in the crews' name is now justified. And his debut album Long.Live.A$AP went straight to number one on the Billboard 200.

But like demigods before him, Rocky's success is sewn in that murky mortal world where the rise and fall of celebrity is celebrated in equal measure — a place where Rocky's not master.

Days before this interview, the 24-year-old (real name Rakim Mayers) was charged with assault after allegedly slapping a female fan at a festival in Philadelphia. His management was cagey: Rocky's stoned. You'll agree there's a certain irony in his F—kin' Problems lyrics: "I love bad bitches, that's my f—kin' problem."

But as the Harlem-born rapper says, "You know, I'm not an angel, we all know that, but I do love good people."

Love, or rather lust, is another liberal endeavor for Rocky. He's a boundless shagger of priapic proportions, with groupies genuflecting before the altar of the hip hop collective A$AP Mob.

And "good" seems to refer to beautiful people: A$AP Rocky had a string of real and rumoured alliances with rapper Iggy Azalea, model Chanel Iman, who was at his side at the VMAs, and apparently Rihanna.

But he is in fact, referring to Raf Simons, creative director at Christian Dior. Rocky loves clothes (Alexander Wang cast him in the Spring 2013 promo of his own diffusion line T by Alexander Wang).

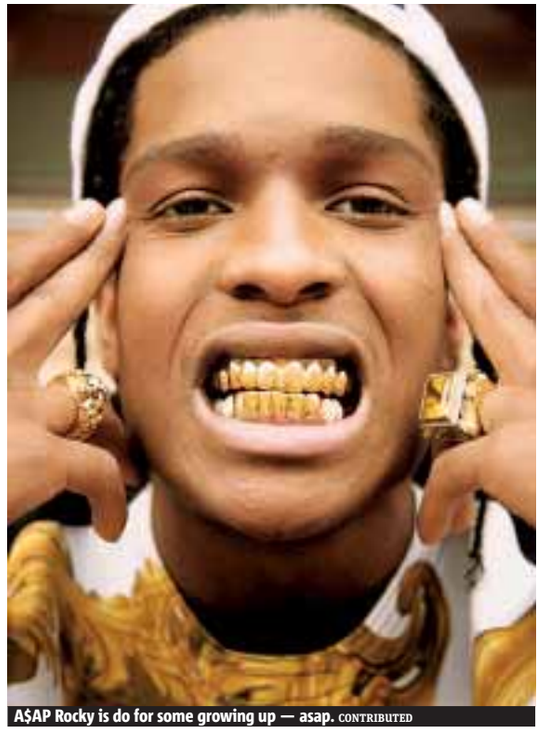
"I appreciate and admire high-end fashion and streetwear in the same way people love a sports team," he dozily enthuses.

In fact, the mention of fashion is enough to draw the rapper out of his green-induced slumber.

"Raf Simons is one of my biggest influences, he actually influences my music," he says.

The days of rappers name-checking those '90s household designers like Versace, Dolce & Gabbana and Tommy Hilfiger are over, but few could academically discuss the finer points of Simons, Rick Owens and Jeremy Scott. Amidst the fog of weed there is some sense in Rocky's mellow world.

But he'll need to reign in the nonsense if more converts are to join the masses in chanting: "Long.Live. A$AP."



A$AP Rocky is do for some growing up — asap. CONTRIBUTED

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Janelle Monae's music is out of this world

New music. The R&B singer pays tribute to a pair of little known female pioneers on her new album

CHRIS JORDON
Metro World News

Though rising R&B star Janelle Monae sometimes seems absorbed in a futuristic world of androids and clones, she pays homage in song to two real-life female groundbreakers on her brand new album, The Electric Lady: astronaut Sally Ride and actress Dorothy Dandridge.

"The Electric Lady are the ladies who are out there in this world and should be respected," Monae says.

Dandridge in 1954 was the first African American to be nominated for an Academy Award for best actress, for her role in Carmen Jones. Monae extols the virtues of the actress in the jazzy Dorothy Dandridge Eyes.

Respect given

"I thought it was important to pay homage to her."
Janelle Monae
Speaking about astronaut Sally Ride

Ride's service on the crew of the space shuttle Challenger in 1983 made her the first American woman in space. Monae's rock 'n' roll ballad Sally Ride on The Electric Lady is a funky space oddity.

"She was definitely working as an astronaut during a time when women were not being accepted; she was the minority," Monae says of the late Ride. "I thought it was important to pay homage to her and tell her story and also she was in a same-sex relationship for a while … and women who were in same sex relationships would definitely be fired or discriminated against because of their sexual orientation."

Recognizing this is all part of the Electric Lady concept.

Despite paying tribute to those who reached the stratosphere, Janelle Monae's work remains down to earth. GETTY IMAGES

Elton John and David Furnish

John and Furnish wait on marriage green light with law change on horizon

Elton John and David Furnish are planning to officially tie the knot once England's new same-sex marriage law goes into effect. "We will do it next May when it comes out," John tells Jimmy Kimmel in an interview. The couple held a lavish commitment ceremony in 2005 after civil unions were legalized in the U.K. "If the laws are going to help us again, as a famous gay couple we will do it," John says. "It's our duty to do it to make sure everyone knows that this is something that's a gift that we never dreamed we'd ever get."

Josh Hutcherson. ALL IMAGES GETTY

Damn that guy's good looking but I'm straight for now, says Hutcherson

Hunger Games star Josh Hutcherson is pretty forward-thinking when it comes to sexuality, telling Out magazine that he considers himself "mostly straight" in a recent interview. "Maybe I could say right now I'm 100 per cent straight, but who knows? In a f—ing year I could meet a guy and be like, 'Whoa, I'm attracted to this person,'" the 20-year-old actor says. "I've met guys all the time that I'm like, 'Damn, that's a good-looking guy,' you know? I've never been like, 'Oh, I want to kiss that guy.' I really love women. But I think defining yourself as 100 per cent anything is kind of near-sighted and close-minded."

Miley Cyrus

Less sex after 40? Oh Miley you don't have a clue

Miley Cyrus has been catching criticism for an attempt at a joke during her Today Show appearance earlier this week — "I heard when you turn 40, things start to go a little less sexual," she told Matt Lauer. "I heard that's when people don't have sex anymore." Suzanne Somers in particular has come out swinging, over-sharing about her sex life to disprove Cyrus' assertion. When pressed on the issue by E! News, Cyrus admits she doesn't actually know what she's talking about when it comes to sex after 40. "I don't know, I'm not 40 yet," she says. "I'll let you know how my sex life goes when I'm 40."

The Word

Office star Robinson has narrow escape from paradise

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Metro World News

Comedian Craig Robinson learned an important lesson recently. Robinson was in the Bahamas to perform at the Atlantis resort. When he tried to board his return flight to the U.S., authorities found he was carrying half a gram of marijuana and 18 ecstasy pills, and arrested him for drug possession, according to TMZ. Robinson appeared before a magistrate where he got off relatively easy with a $1,000 fine and a promise to swiftly leave the country. Robinson reportedly told the judge that he'd brought the drugs with him from the U.S. and claimed he didn't know they were illegal in the Bahamas (as opposed to the U.S., where you can buy ecstasy at WalMart?) Anyway, it all worked out fine. The people of the U.S. got their Craig Robinson back. The U.S. will not have to go to war with the Bahamas to retrieve him. And the moral of the story is: don't bring ecstasy to the Bahamas, guys.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Humble Clooney deflects credit back to his director

While director Alfonso Cuaron has been crediting Gravity star George Clooney for penning a key scene in the film that wasn't working during the script-writing process, Clooney himself insists he had nothing to do with it. "I didn't write any scene. That scene was there from the minute I was handed the script," he tells the Wrap. "Alfonso's such a sweet guy. He hands out credit to everyone all the time."

George Clooney

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Complement sweet endings

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Unless you're eating way outside the box, odds are you'll be having some turkey this Thanksgiving.

Even with the sides that join in on the celebration, the big bird and all its trimmings is a pretty accommodating wine partner. It loves a medium-bodied chardonnay or richer sauvignon blanc, or if you prefer red, a juicy Beaujolais from France or a lightly rustic Spanish Rioja.

When it comes to a liquid partner, today's feature recipe has two strikes against it: It's a dessert, and a blend of vegetable and spice that are both notorious wine killers.

Port, Portugal's fortified gift to the world, has the body and thickness of flavour to stand up to this mouthful of eclecticism, while offering a sweetness level that complements, rather than competes.

Taylor's First Estate Reserve Port ($16.45 to $22.99) is a lighter-bodied version with balanced tannins and a rolling, ripe-fruited core of plum and blackcurrant that will play well with this cheesecake's main components while adding a palate warming finish to your holiday feast. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

This recipe serves 12. ROSE REISMAN

Pumpkin Cheesecake steals turkey's shine

Thanksgiving. This dessert will make a beautiful centrepiece

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If you want a delicious yet lighter dessert for Thanksgiving or the upcoming holiday season, this is the perfect cheesecake to complete your meal.

This can be made a couple of days in advance or frozen for up to six weeks.

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-inch springform pan with vegetable spray

2. Crust: Combine all ingredients until mixture comes together. Pat over bottom of baking dish.

3. In the bowl of a large food processor purée all ingredients for filling until smooth. Pour over top crust.

4. Topping: Place sour cream in a small plastic baggie. Snip off the end corner of the bag. Carefully draw approximately 8 straight lines through the top of the cheesecake. With a pointed knife or toothpick gently pull a line through the lines to make the pattern in the photo on this page.

5. Bake the Pumpkin Cheesecake for 40 minutes just until centre is still slightly loose. Chill before serving.

Ingredients

Crust
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp water
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

Filling
- 1 lb light cream cheese cut into cubes
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup canned pumpkin purée
- 1/2 cup low fat sour cream
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ginger powder
- 3 tbsp all purpose flour

Topping
- 1/4 cup low fat sour cream

Your sweet tooth will give thanks

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Coat 11-inch removable bottom tart pan with baking spray.

2. In food processor, combine butter, sugar and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Pulse several times. Add flour and pulse to combine, scraping down sides of work bowl. Transfer dough to prepared pan. Press evenly across bottom and up sides of the pan. Poke bottom all over with fork. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown.

3. While crust bakes, make filling. In a skillet over medium-high heat, combine apples, vinegar, brown sugar, cider, cinnamon and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook, gently stirring to promote even cooking but without breaking apples, until just tender, about 12 mins.

4. In glass, mix cornstarch and water. Add to apples and cook, stirring gently, 2 minutes, or until thickened. When crust and apples are cooked, spoon apples into crust. Pour any extra juices over the surface of the apples. Serve warm or room temperature. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 14 tbsp (1 3/4 sticks) unsalted butter, room temp
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 apples, peeled, cored, sliced
- 2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tbsp water

Easy Autumn Apple Tart

This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Predators prove harmless against Bernier and Leafs

NHL. Toronto goalie perfect on the night to improve his record against Nashville to 8-1

Jonathan Bernier made 36 saves and Phil Kessel had a goal and two assists to lead the Toronto Maple Leafs past the Nashville Predators 4-0 on Thursday night.

James van Riemsdyk, Tyler Bozak and Joffrey Lupul also scored for the Maple Leafs, who have won four of five this season. Nashville has lost three of four.

Bernier extended his domination of Nashville, improving his career record against the Predators to 8-1. He stopped eight shots in the first period, 17 in the second and 11 in the third for his first shutout this season and the seventh of his career.

After a scoreless opening period, Kessel scored the first goal at 13:41 of the second.

Following a faceoff in the Nashville zone, the puck went below the goal-line on the right side. Van Riemsdyk quickly grabbed it and whipped a backhand pass to Kessel in the low slot, where he one-timed the puck by goalie Pekka Rinne.

On Thursday

Maple Leafs	Predators
4	0

It was Kessel's second goal of the season. He signed a $64-million, eight-year contract extension just before the start of the season.

Just before the end of the second period, Kessel's shot hit Rinne up high and the rebound landed just to the right of the Nashville net. Rinne squatted down to cover the puck, but van Riemsdyk took the puck before Rinne could get his glove on it and carried it around to the opposite side where he slid it into the open net.

Late in the game, Nashville forward Mike Fisher was assessed a major for boarding and a game misconduct after hitting former Predators defenceman Cody Franson into the boards by the Toronto bench. Franson left a pool of blood on the ice and did not return.

Bozak and Lupul scored on the ensuing power play.

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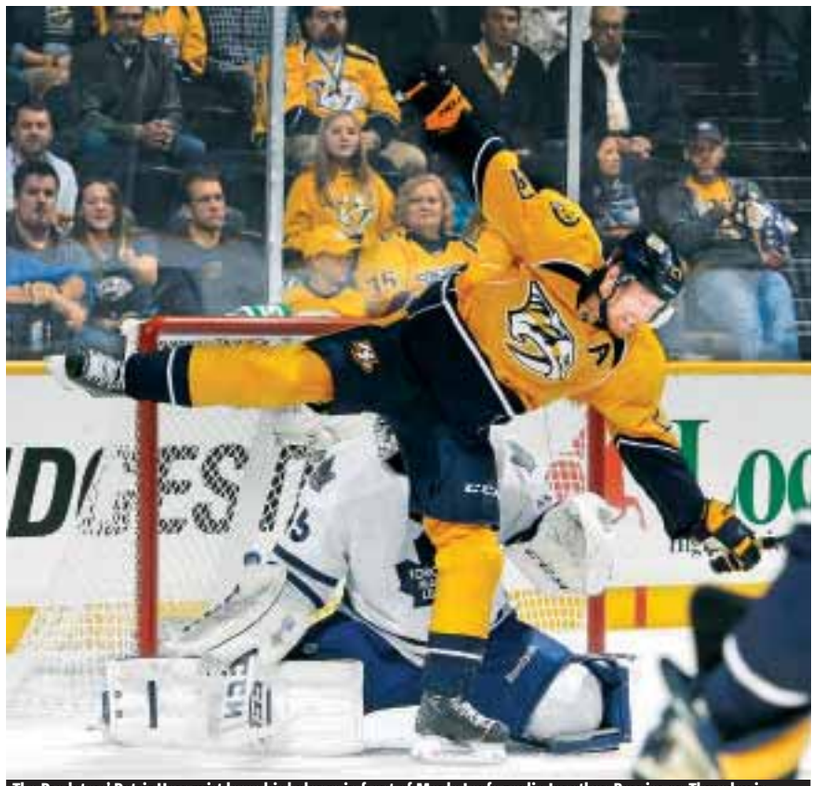

The Predators' Patric Hornqvist loses his balance in front of Maple Leafs goalie Jonathan Bernier on Thursday in Nashville. FREDERICK BREEDON/GETTY IMAGES

Cruz representing the rainbow in title fight

Orlando Cruz GETTY IMAGES

Orlando Cruz won the fight of his life when he came out last year as the first openly gay fighter in boxing.

Now he's in a fight of another kind, a championship battle Saturday night that is the biggest bout of his professional career.

"It's my dream and it's my time," Cruz said. "I've been waiting a long time to fight for the championship and I plan to make history."

Cruz takes on fellow veteran Orlando Salido in a fight for a piece of the featherweight title on the undercard of Timothy Bradley's fight with Juan Manuel Marquez. He'll do it wearing rainbow colours on his boxing trunks, his way of showing support for others in the gay and lesbian community.

"This is for all of them," Cruz said. "But this is for me, too. It's a beautiful opportunity for me, and it's my moment."

The trunks have caused some controversy in his native Puerto Rico because the design is a Puerto Rican flag with the rainbow colours in place of the usual colours. But Cruz said his intention was always to honour his country while also making a statement for gay rights.

"Some people are mad at me, but I don't care," he said. "I respect the Puerto Rican flag. There were no bad intentions in the design of the trunks."

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NHL

Avs blank Bruins to improve to 4-0

Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 39 saves in his 37th NHL shutout, and the Colorado Avalanche stayed perfect with a 2-0 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

Ryan O'Reilly and Matt Duchene were the goal scorers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

"We're going to continue to keep that sail up on that boat and keep going."

Pittsburgh centre-fielder Andrew McCutchen after the Pirates were eliminated from the playoffs by the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday. It was the Pirates' first post-season appearance in 21 years.

Tennis

Wawrinka wraps up Raonic in Shanghai

Canada's Milos Raonic was eliminated from the Shanghai Masters after losing 7-6 (2), 6-4 to Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka in the third round on Thursday.

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Stanislas Wawrinka celebrates Thursday in Shanghai GETTY IMAGES

2015 Pan Am Games

Cyclist named chef de mission

Curt Harnett will be Canada's chef de mission when Toronto hosts the 2015 Pan American Games. Harnett is the only Canadian cyclist to win three Olympic medals, capturing silver in 1984, and then bronze at both the 1992 and 1996 Games.

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4 SPORTS

Keeping Jordan's memory alive

In his honour. Parents remember Titan prospect as a kid with a big smile and a kind heart to match

RUTH DAVENPORT
Metro in Halifax

The Bathurst Titan's team photo of Jordan Boyd shows a resolute young man focusing a steely, deadpan gaze on the camera — but there's a crack in the tough-guy attitude: One corner of his mouth is curling upwards, evidence of his normal beaming smile fighting to break through.

"I'm sure they told him to look tough, but he always had a smile on his face and that's what everybody remembers about him," said Boyd's father Stephen on Thursday.

It's been nearly two months since the 16-year-old Nova Scotian collapsed and died during an on-ice training camp session with the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's Bathurst Titan.

His mother, Debbie, says it's been two months of "living hell," grieving for her six-foot-one "baby boy" who she watched over at umpteen games and practices over the years. "He was my full-time job," said Debbie, often fighting to speak through tears. "Even when he was away at school last year … he lost his phone a couple of times because he was texting me from class, happy about a good mark or something."

The Bedford Minor Hockey Association has renamed the annual Oktoberfest hockey tournament in Boyd's honour, and his parents will be on hand for the opening ceremony Friday evening at the BMO Centre in Bedford, N.S.

Stephen said he wants people to know who Boyd was — a good student considering a career in sports medicine, a devoted friend and boyfriend who loved mugging for the camera, a wakeboarding enthusiast and health nut who held his nose to chug coconut water but couldn't say no to a juicy steak.

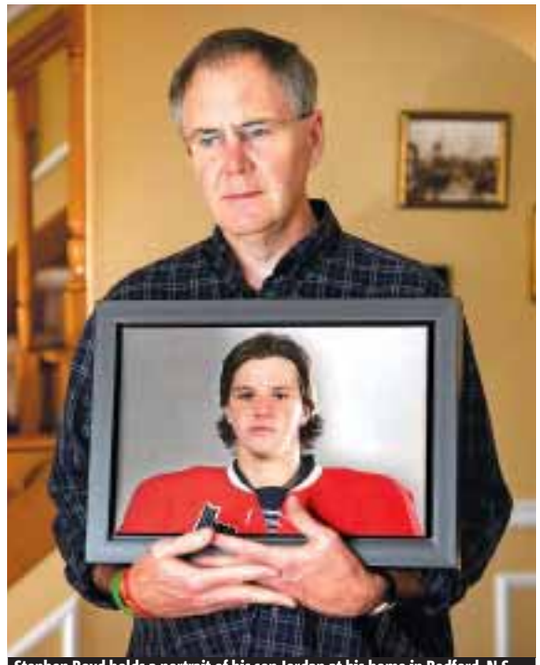
Most telling about Boyd's character are the letters that poured in after his death from complete strangers telling about his kindness. One woman told them he was the only kid who had stuck up for her daughter when classmates started bullying her. A Bathurst mom sent photos of Boyd with her young son during Community Day with the Titan in June, the little boy ecstatic over scoring a ball hockey goal after Boyd made a point of giving him the ball.

"I don't watch hockey, but I thought I'm going to watch that young man," wrote the grateful mother.

'Worth the pain'

The Boyds say it's knowing their son touched so many people that gives them strength to attend public events in his honour.

- "I never want my son forgotten," said Debbie Boyd. "If it helps keep his memory alive, then it's worth the pain."



Stephen Boyd holds a portrait of his son Jordan at his home in Bedford, N.S., on Thursday. Jordan died suddenly at a hockey training camp in August. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Awaiting autopsy report

Cause of death still unknown

The Boyds say they're still waiting for the autopsy report to tell them what caused the death of their strapping and apparently fit young son.

They say Jordan trained all summer, doing hill sprints in the muggy weather, without any symptoms of any problems.

"As far as we knew, he was never healthier," said Stephen Boyd. "He went through a pretty rigorous workout program with a trainer this summer."

Typically, sudden deaths in young athletes are caused by hidden heart defects or abnormalities that don't show up on routine examinations — but can sometimes be detected through screening tests.

Debbie Boyd said her son was so health-conscious he ate almond butter instead of peanut butter, wouldn't drink Gatorade because of the sugar content, and even swore off hamburgers. METRO

IndyCar

Franchitti checks out of hospital

Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti has been released from a Houston hospital, four days after fracturing his spine and breaking his right ankle in an IndyCar Series crash.

Franchitti is headed back to Indianapolis for further evaluation and will eventually have a second surgery on his ankle. He underwent surgery Sunday night to stabilize his ankle following the accident on the last lap of the Grand Prix of Houston.

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NBA

Magic leaves post as ESPN analyst

Magic Johnson won't return to ESPN as an NBA studio analyst because of a busy schedule, he said.

Johnson is part of the ownership group that agreed to buy the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2012. Since retiring from basketball, he has been successful in business, investing in movie theatres, a production company and restaurants.

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Women's hockey. Canada, U.S. to get reacquainted on ice in leadup to Sochi

The game might be tactically conservative, but the players won't hold anything else back when the Canadian women's hockey team meets the United States on Saturday.

The Canadian and American women square off in Burlington, Vt., in the first of up to eight meetings before the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, in February. A second exhibition game is scheduled for Oct. 17 in Boisbriand, Que.

Canada and the U.S. have met in the final of all 15 women's world championships, with the Canadians holding a 10-5 record, but the U.S. winning four of the last five world titles. Canada is the three-time defending Olympic champion.

Both teams are training full-time — Canada in Calgary and the U.S. in Bedford, Mass. — so Saturday's game at the University of Vermont is the first chance for each country to see what the other has been up to.

"I don't think either team will expose every part of their game and won't be at 100 per cent in every part of their game, but every time you get to play them it's a great opportunity to learn about your own team and what you need to do to get better," Canadian head coach Dan Church said.

"I think any time these two teams get to play each other, I think emotion takes over and the passion for your national pride comes to the forefront and it becomes a battle. There's a good amount of animosity between the players and ultra-competitiveness." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Meghan Duggan of the U.S. and Tessa Bonhomme of Canada jockey for position during the women's world championship gold-medal game on April 9. GETTY IMAGES FILE

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Toronto	4	3	1	0	13	10	6
Boston	3	2	1	0	7	4	4
Detroit	3	2	1	0	6	7	4
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	0	7	7	4
Ottawa	3	1	0	2	8	9	4
Montreal	3	1	2	0	9	8	2
Florida	3	1	2	0	5	11	2
Buffalo	5	0	4	1	5	14	1

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	0	12	3	6
NY Islanders	3	2	0	1	12	7	5
Carolina	4	2	1	1	9	11	5
Columbus	3	2	1	0	10	7	4
New Jersey	4	0	1	3	9	15	3
NY Rangers	3	1	2	0	6	14	2
Philadelphia	4	1	3	0	5	10	2
Washington	4	1	3	0	12	15	2

Thursday's results
Colorado 2 Boston 0
Columbus 4 Buffalo 1
Carolina 3 Washington 2
Phoenix at Detroit
Florida at Tampa Bay
Toronto at Nashville
Winnipeg at Minnesota
Montreal at Edmonton
NY Rangers at Anaheim
San Jose at Vancouver

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Colorado	4	4	0	0	13	3	8
St. Louis	3	3	0	0	14	4	6
Winnipeg	3	2	1	0	12	10	4
Chicago	3	1	1	1	10	10	3
Dallas	2	1	1	0	4	5	2
Nashville	3	1	2	0	6	9	2
Minnesota	3	0	1	2	7	10	2

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	3	3	0	0	17	4	6
Vancouver	4	3	1	0	15	12	6
Calgary	4	2	0	2	15	15	6
Anaheim	3	2	1	0	8	11	4
Los Angeles	4	2	2	0	11	13	4
Phoenix	3	1	2	0	6	11	2
Edmonton	3	1	2	0	11	15	2

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's results
Calgary 3 Montreal 2
St. Louis 3 Chicago 2
Los Angeles 4 Ottawa 3 (OT)
Friday's games
All Times Eastern
Los Angeles at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
NY Islanders at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Calgary, 9 p.m.

MLB PLAYOFFS

A.L. DIVISION SERIES

(Best-of-5; x — played only if necessary)

BOSTON (1) VS. TAMPA BAY (6)

(Boston wins series 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Boston 3 Tampa Bay 1

OAKLAND (2) VS. DETROIT (3)

(Series tied 2-2)
Thursday's result
Detroit at Oakland
Tuesday's result
Detroit 8 Oakland 6

N.L. DIVISION SERIES

ST. LOUIS (1) VS. PITTSBURGH (4)

(St. Louis wins series 3-2)
Wednesday's result
St. Louis 6 Pittsburgh 1
Monday's result
St. Louis 2 Pittsburgh 1

ATLANTA (2) VS. L.A. DODGERS (3)

(Los Angeles Dodgers wins series 3-1)
Monday's result
L.A. Dodgers 4 Atlanta 3

CFL

WEEK 16

EAST

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Toronto	14	9	5	0	407	370	18
x-Hamilton	14	7	7	0	360	383	14
Montreal	14	6	8	0	349	385	12
Winnipeg	14	2	12	0	279	459	4

WEST

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Calgary	14	11	3	0	446	323	22
x-Saskatchewan	14	9	5	0	419	316	18
x-B.C.	14	9	5	0	395	350	18
Edmonton	14	3	11	0	340	409	6

x — clinched playoff berth.
Friday's game — All Times Eastern
B.C. at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14
Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Toronto vs. Hamilton (at Guelph), 4:30 p.m.

NFL

WEEK SIX

Thursday's result
N.Y. Giants at Chicago
Sunday's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at New England, 4:25 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's game
Indianapolis at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.

MLS

Wednesday's results
Houston 0 Kansas City 0
Vancouver 4 Seattle 1
San Jose 1 Colorado 0
Saturday's games
New England at Montreal, 2:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at D.C., 7 p.m.
Chicago at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's game — Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Why are you so angry? Whatever the reason, you need to get over it because if you don't it will spoil your weekend. You just tell yourself that who or what upset you isn't worth the trouble.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may find it difficult to get your own way today but maybe that's not a bad thing. Sometimes it pays to let other people take decisions for you and the planets suggest this could be one such occasion.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Identify your priorities and focus on them to the exclusion of everything else. You may have plenty of physical and mental energy at your disposal, thanks to the Sun in Libra, but it will go fast if you waste it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Listen to your instincts and do what they tell you, even if it puts you at odds with people you work with. Best of all, do something a bit outrageous — it will get you talked about.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone you are fond of will act in a manner that annoys you. Do you speak up about it? Only you can decide but remember, real friends are those who tell the unvarnished truth.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you come on too strong with someone today, your efforts could be self-defeating. Some respond to threats, others to flattery. Get them mixed up and you may get no response.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What seemed so important earlier in the week does not seem so important now and probably won't mean a thing to you over the weekend. That's good. What else is there in your life you can safely ignore?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Health, wealth and happiness can and will be yours between now and the start of next week. The right opportunities will arrive at the right time. All you have to do is take advantage.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may want to shut yourself away and avoid the world at large but if you do, you may miss out on a fun social event. It will be even more fun if you are there, so stop moping.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Opportunities for happiness and success are around you but you will miss them unless you raise your eyes for a moment from whatever mundane task it is you are lost in.

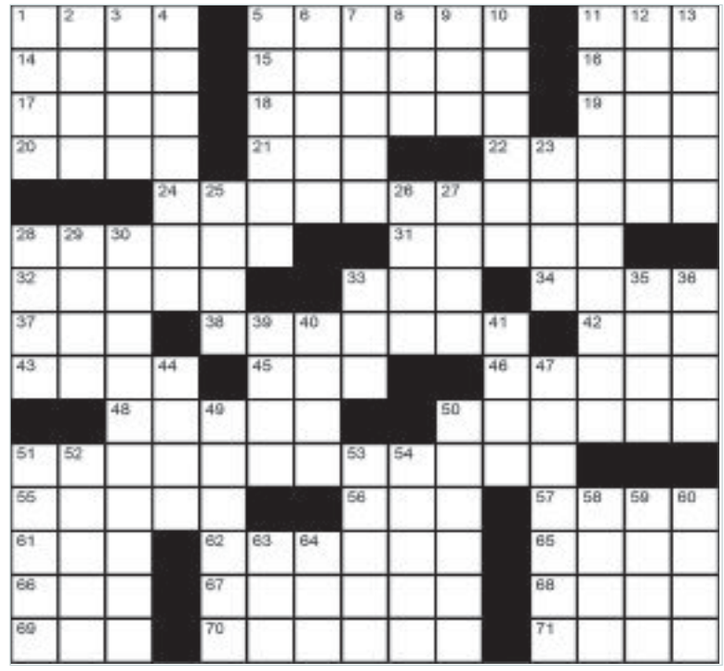
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There will be major upheavals in your working life over the next few days but if you stay calm, you will come through unscathed. Not only that but you may find yourself moving swiftly up the ladder of success.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There are so opportunities coming your way and if you take advantage of even a few of them, you'll have a major breakthrough. Don't look back and wish you had been more adventurous. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

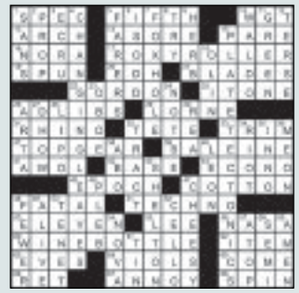
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Pare
5. "Moves Like __" by Maroon 5
11. "Johnny B. Goode" singer ...his initials-sharers
14. Vagabond
15. Where to serve stir-fry veggies: 2 wds.
16. 'Motor' suffix
17. Colossal
18. Away-from-work break
19. Yea ...not
20. Raised flatland
21. Alien sitcom
22. "__ __ big deal really."
24. 'Furiosity' is the new album by this hard rocking Hamilton band: 2 wds.
28. __-cutting ceremony
31. Ingredient in pesto
32. The Koh-_-__ Diamond
33. Mr. Stiller
34. Yacks
37. Fido's foot
38. Vegan's meal choice for #51-Across, perhaps
42. Afternoon social
43. Director Mr. Lee's
45. Vienna's country, for short
46. Without _ __ (Quietly)
48. "You __" by Alanis Morissette
50. Pie parts
51. Fall feast
55. Prefix meaning 'Straight'
56. Funny magazine
57. Clean
61. Singer Ms. DiFranco
62. Fall, as a government
65. Voice variety
66. __-med student
67. Author: French
68. Foul food
69. "My dear fellow."
70. Gets less fresh, as bread
71. Hoopla

Down
1. Group for Van Morrison
2. Knot-maker's need
3. Nile wader
4. El __ Tavern (Famous Toronto music venue)
5. Classical music composer, __ Sebastian Bach
6. Indigo dyes
7. Surgical transplant
8. "Move along!"
9. Old French coin
10. Takes to one's seat again
11. Types of foreign government buildings in Ottawa
12. Mel of funny cartoon voices
13. Give the green-light: 2 wds.
23. Li'l math course
25. __ cloud, as per Astronomy
26. Celebrity hairstylist Jose
27. Grade
28. Daytime TV's Kelly
29. __ uproar: 2 wds.
30. Frigidly formidable formation in Banff National Park: 2 wds.
33. The Hollies hit: "__ Stop"
35. Red veggie
36. Drains
39. Voyageur's blades
40. Juno-winning composer, Vivian __
41. Scarf stuff
44. Put in the post
47. Village in Nova Scotia
49. Some large dogs
50. Apple drinks
51. Snares
52. Mr. 'Pocket Rocket' Richard, Hockey Hall of Famer
53. Urge forward
54. Appraise
58. Calista's defining TV role
59. Cease
60. Wish for
63. Trendy no more
64. Harper Valley, e.g.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	1		6	2	3		4	
2								6
		4				1		
6	4		1		8		7	2
				4				
1	8		9		7		3	4
		1				3		
5								9
	3		4	5	1		6	

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	6	2	1	4	5	8	7	3
1	5	3	8	2	7	4	6	9
4	8	7	6	3	9	5	2	1
2	7	9	5	8	6	3	1	4
6	3	8	4	7	1	2	9	5
5	4	1	3	9	2	6	8	7
7	9	5	2	6	3	1	4	8
8	1	6	9	5	4	7	3	2
3	2	4	7	1	8	9	5	6

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